

SENATOR ABBOUD: I hope so.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. Well, I rise to oppose Senator Abboud's amendment. I mean it's one of those things that I don't, I or none of us as the state, I don't want to be the lab rat for this experiment. I mean, if it's good, let's do it for everybody, I don't think it's good. And I know Senator Abboud said, well, we can start out with the state and prove it's not that bad and go on. I think it's...we've had a claims process, Senator Kristensen stated much better than I, there are still general claims that can be filed against the state. All you're doing when you extend it from two to four years is certainly expanding the number of claims filed against the state in all likelihood, and certainly the possibility doubles in some manner. And it's just one of those things we have a claim process, I think serves us well. I don't know, maybe Senator Abboud does have examples of people who got shut out by statute of limitations, I'm sure they're there, but I think the whole bill is unnecessary. At this point in time I want strength through numbers. If this is a good bill let's apply it to everybody. I think it's a bad bill, let's kill it for everybody. Don't adopt the amendment, kill the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, what the amendment does is it reduces the individual groups that would be involved in this legislation, so I would hope that we could at least move to a point where we adopt the amendment and then discuss this how it affects the State of Nebraska. You've been lobbied by different associations and talking about why they feel that they should not be included in this and for that reason, in our discussions, we felt that there was a lot of misinformation involving these different groups so we decided to focus in just on the one area where the Legislature could remain in control. As Senator Kristensen stated, when we have claims against the State of Nebraska, they go through a rather lengthy process to begin with. First, they have to, most of them go through a court system process where judgment is entered into against the State of Nebraska and then it comes to the State of Nebraska for our approval before the Legislature. And for that reason we do have direct control over claims that are brought against the state. The Business and Labor Committee hears the claims that are brought before us. We hopefully try to follow the laws dealing with the statute of limitations and deny those